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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUALA LUMPUR 3120

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EINV, MY, JA

SUBJECT: INVESTMENT IN MALAYSIA

1. TOKYO BASED, AND GOJ SUPPORTED, SOUTHEAST ASIAN PROMOTION CENTER FOR TRADE, INVESTMENT AND TOURISM RECENTLY VISITED MALAYSIA. VISIT STIRRED HEADLINE IN "BUSINESS TIMES" OF JAPANESE M\$700 MILLION INVESTMENT PROPOSAL. JAPANESE EMBASSY SOURCE INFORMED EMBOFF THAT STORY INCORRECTLY REPORTED AND ACTUAL FIGURE ON POTENTIAL INVESTMENT CLOSER TO M\$7 MILLION.

2. COMMENT: "BUSINESS TIMES" COVERAGE REFLECTS GOM EFFORTS TO PUT GOOD FACE ON INVESTMENT SCNE TO COUNTER MALAYSIAN-CHINESE CRITICISM OF INDUSTRIAL COORDINATION ACT. AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO PERCEPTIBLE INCREASE IN NEW INVESTMENT. SENIOR MALAYSIAN OFFICIAL HAS SAID TO EMBASSY PRIVATELY THAT MODEST 4 PERCENT RATE OF INCREASE OF PRIVATE SECTOR INVESTMENT IN 1976 IS OVERSTATED AND THAT FINAL FIGURES WHEN RELEASED COULD INDICATE SMALL NEGATIVE GROWTH RATE OF INVESTMENT AS IN 1975. ACCORDING SAME SOURCE MACRO IMPORT STATISTICS ON CAPITAL GOODS IMPORTS SUGGESTS INCREASED RATE OF INVESTMENT BUT THIS FINDING NOT VALID WHEN THESE FIGURES DISAGGREGATED.

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